

## THINGWALL RECREATION CENTRE

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8pm ON 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

The chairman Ken Roberts opened the meeting at 2000hrs and welcomed everybody. 18 members attended and there were apologies from Terry Scott and Sue Mountford.

Ken apologized for not being able to hold the AGM in 2020 but explained the country had gone into lockdown. He asked for a minutes silence for all the members we had lost.

#### MINUTES OF 2019 AGM

The secretary, Paul Mountford read the minutes from the Annual General Meeting and the extraordinary General Meeting held in 2019.

#### CHAIRMANS REPORT

Ken gave his report saying when he took over he was concerned about the general disrepair of the building and after discussion with the committee, it was agreed to tackle the most urgent repairs first.

The social bar roof was repaired, downspouts were replaced the leaking conservatory roof was repaired an extractor fan installed in the snooker room, central heating was repaired and serviced and the broken curtain rails in the hall were replaced with new blinds.

Unfortunately in March we went into our first lockdown. However we made the most of the opportunity and volunteers painted the hall. Before we could reopen, signage and hand sanitizers were provided to meet Government and Council guidelines. Volunteers from the bowls sections were able to carry out work. They cut back hedging, cleared rubbish and tidied flower beds, 2 pavilions were repaired.

In July we reopened and were able to have dangerous paving relaid, notice boards installed to help attract more interest, A safety barrier by the noticeboards. We then had to close again and during the second lockdown, the foyer was replastered and redecorated by volunteers, the cracked wall in the chess room was replastered, flooring in the foyer and conservatory cleaned, new edging for the top green bought and ongoing maintenance for the greens equipment paid for.

Thankfully the centre reopened again and we were able to renovate the roof of the main building at a cost of approximately £10,000, installation of wi-fi and phone line, radiator was replaced in the main hall, front doors and panels painted by a volunteer, all lighting on the stage replaced and updated, the conservatory roof was replaced, new signage for the front of the building, outdoor lighting for the carpark, signage and noticeboards replaced, side passageway lighting replaced and interior lighting between the bar and stockroom replaced.

We have worked hard for the development of the centre but there is still a lot more to be done. Looking back on the records, it stands out that the drop in membership has always been a problem. Let's hope we have now started to turn that corner.

Ken said he would like to thank all his colleagues on the Centre Committee for all they have done over the last two years and most of all the support he has been given. He would also like to thank the sections for their generous donations which have helped keep the centre running. As a final thank you he would like to mention all the people who devote their time to the greens and surroundings and to the tidying and refurbishing of the building. Without you, the members, none of this would have been possible. We can only hope 2022 will bring better times. Thank you.

TREASURERS REPORT

Allen said there was not an awful lot to say about the accounts. He said that the most important part was that we were down £1000 from last year. We used the grants we got from the government to do the repairs. We would have been unable to do this without the grants. Thanks to Paul for obtaining them. He said everybody had a copy of the accounts and would answer any questions concerning them.

## SECTIONS REPORT

**LADIES BOWLS** Betty said there had been no league games but we had managed a few friendlies and a couple of social days. The numbers are continuing to drop so we will only have an A team next year. She said that we had discussed joining the mens section next year and the ladies had been agreeable. We will now go forward as Thingwall Bowling Club.

**ART** Barry said they were holding their own and had 14 members. He said the art wall in the bar had been changed if anybody wanted to see it.

**BRIDGE** Nobody available

## BADMINTON

Allen said they were struggling when they first came back with just 3 members but they now have 7 and there are a couple more interested.

**MENS BOWLS** Nobody available

**INDOOR BOWLS** Gerda said that the indoor bowls had over 40 members, with afternoon A & B teams and an evening team. There has been no organized play this year but we are hoping to start in 2022. There are approximately 19 social bowlers and 3 young men who bowl at night as they work. There will be a Christmas break from 13<sup>th</sup> December to 3<sup>rd</sup> January. We have had a couple of friendly games. Nice to be back and get plenty of practice.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY Paul Mountford

ASSISTANT SECRETARY Sue Tilston

TREASURER Allen McLaughlin

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY Barry Tilston

BOOKING SECRETARY Barbara Montgomery

FLOOR MEMBER Joe Kenny

Ken said he was stepping down from this evening as he said he would perform the job for 1 year and had done 2 years and was unable to continue

Gerda then thanked Ken for all the work he had done and said she was sorry he was leaving as chairman. A round of applause was given to Ken

Paul said he would carry on with the understanding he would be unable to do an awful lot as he was still working full time and would step down if anybody else would like to take it on. He would not leave the centre without a secretary.

Barbara said she was happy to continue as booking secretary but she said she doesn't think anybody knows just how much work is put in by the committee and how much time, particularly Ken who has done an absolutely wonderful job. He has been at the centre morning, noon and night but his health comes first.

Ann Rooney stepped down from the floor member position as it was difficult for her to attend. As neither the proposer or seconder had attended, Landy McCann said she would propose Joe and Iris seconded so Joe was now the floor member.

We also need a chairman as we cannot carry on without one. Nobody offered to do the job. Ken said he had put notices around the centre but nobody replied. Ann said that people must be made aware the centre will have to close if we cannot get a new chairman. Paul said we must have a certain amount of time to find a new chairman but nobody knew how long. We will have to check with the Charity Commission. Iris said anybody can take over at the committee meetings for now so we will continue as we are for the time being.

#### PROPOSITIONS

There were no propositions.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Iris asked how many members had not renewed this year. He was not sure and Ken said that members were beginning to come back so hopefully by next year most people would renew. Iris asked if people came back could we just charge £16 as some money was better than none. Ken felt we were getting new members as the building was looking better especially with the outside lighting.

Barbara said we had had some new bookings, especially from the U3A which is the University of the third age. She had 3 groups using the conservatory, the meeting room and the green room. They are small groups but all agree how nice and how welcoming the centre is. Word is spreading.

Ken said the bowlers would be returning soon. The greens have been closed so work can be done but should be opening shortly. He said Eric had done a wonderful job and the bowlers will notice how much better the greens are next year. All the soil has been tested.

Ken said we had had an e mail from Trish asking a question about the social club Trish was asked what it was and she told Ken he had the email. Paul said Trish had asked about the increase in the rent. Trish said it had gone up

Paul said in answer to the question, we had agreed that between £850 the social club wanted to pay and the £1200 the centre wanted £1000 per quarter was a suitable rent. The insurance has to be paid perhaps be able to work together. the social club.

The new chairman of the Social club stood up and introduced himself and said that hopefully in the new year the two committees can meet and Ken said he hoped so. Ken said once the social club had agree to the rent we have not needed to contact the social club.

There was also the matter of £5000 that had been left to us in a will which had made its way to the social club. Ken said when he realized that had happened he wanted to engage a solicitor but he had been outvoted on that, as he was told it was too expensive. We listen to each other which is how the committee manages to get things done. Iris said there were times they would arrange a meeting with the bar and they would not attend. Ken said they had offered to meet with the bar twice but both times they were told it was inconvenient. Ken asked Trish about an e mail she had sent after he had sent an email to their last chairman and she had replied that all correspondence should be sent to her as the other members had no idea what was going on and she could deny it if she wanted, but there was no reply.

Ken closed the meeting at 20.45

**THINGWALL RECREATIONAL CENTRE  
REGISTERED CHARITY NO 520124**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Land and buildings at valuation	250,529	250,529
General fittings, fixtures and equipment	4,854	5,393
<b>Less Depreciation</b>	<b>(485)</b>	<b>(539)</b>
	<b><u>254,898</u></b>	<b><u>255,383</u></b>
Cash at bank	30,251	27,609
Cash in hand	-	208
Debtors	1,800	2,500
	<b><u>32,051</u></b>	<b><u>30,317</u></b>
<b>DEDUCT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors	-	(3,681)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>286,949</u></b>	<b><u>282,019</u></b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY MEMBERS FUND</b>		
Balance at 31 August 2020	108,816	102,803
Net Movement in Year	5,416	6,552
Deduct Depreciation Charge	(485)	(539)
Members Fund	<b><u>113,746</u></b>	<b><u>108,816</u></b>
Revaluation Reserve	173,203	173,203
	<b><u>286,949</u></b>	<b><u>282,019</u></b>
<b>Notes</b>		
<b>LAND &amp; BUILDINGS</b>		
Historical Cost	77,326	77,326
Revaluation	173,203	173,203
	<b><u>250,529</u></b>	<b><u>250,529</u></b>
<b>FITTINGS, FIXTURES &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>		
Opening Balance	4,854	5,393
Additions	-	-
Depreciation (Straight line over 10 years)	(485)	(539)
	<b><u>4,369</u></b>	<b><u>4,854</u></b>

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Member Subscriptions	4,371	3,374
Rent Received	3,300	4,250
Use of Centre	3,606	6,598
Section Activities	760	4,967
Other Income	171	26
Grants	22,371	11,000
	<u>34,578</u>	<u>30,215</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Water	2,373	1,726
Electricity and Gas	1,080	3,722
Insurance	3,786	4,465
Cleaning	4,039	6,401
Security	295	559
Routine Maintenance, Repairs and Other	17,589	6,790
	<u>29,163</u>	<u>23,663</u>
<b>NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR</b>	<b>5,416</b>	<b>6,552</b>

**Report for the Trustees of Thingwall Recreational Centre  
Registered Charity Number 520124**

The report for the Trustees show the accounts of Thingwall Recreational Centre for the year ended 31 August 2021 and are set out in pages 1 to 3

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

The report has been prepared under the guidance of Section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act and following applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Steve Holmes

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Date: 01 November 2021